

Some Things That Are Happening

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in charge of the home of Mrs. J. W. Smith for the present. Mrs. Smith will remain at the Episcopal Mansion, 1309 R street, for several months, after which she will probably make arrangements to live in Carlisle, Pa., where the late Bishop Smith's body is interred.

Mr. W. R. Griffin, chief of the 5000 True Reformers of the District, was tendered a grand reception last night at True Reformers' Hall in recognition of his splendid services for the general uplift of the race. Many influential citizens of Washington and elsewhere were in attendance, and delivered addresses complimentary to the guest of honor. The arrangements were carefully carried out by a committee headed by Mrs. Sallie M. Stockton, Mrs. R. N. Lumpkins and Mrs. Sarah F. Lewis.

The public school situation is quiet this week. No "mass-meetings" in sight.

A number of box parties are planned by the elite for next week at the New Howard to witness "My Friend from Dixie," by J. Leubria Hill and Will Vodery, assisted by a well-drilled stock company of 40 talented people.

Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the eminent elocutionist, is announced for a dramatic recital next Wednesday evening at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, R street, between 12th and 13th streets N. W. Miss Davis will be supported by an especially selected group of local artists.

"Standing room only" has been the rule at the New Hiawatha this week at all performances. The house has been remodeled; a new stage and ample dressing-rooms have been provided, and the interior and exterior have been redecorated. The color scheme, which is beautiful and restful to the eye, is sky blue and white, ornamented by embossed figures, festoons and panels. Managers S. A. Keyes, F. Morris Murray and L. W. Easley have spared neither pains nor expense to make the Hiawatha the prettiest playhouse of its kind in the country owned and operated by our people. They deserve the success they are achieving.

Love of the life suburban is growing upon well-known Washingtonians. Attorney T. J. Calloway is building a fine eight-room villa in the promising town of Lincoln, Md., and Col. Stewart M. Lewis has put up a handsome six-room residence at Fairmount Heights, D. C.

Messrs. Daniel Murray, W. L. Board and Addison N. Scurlock are among the new members elected at the last meeting of the Mt-So-Lit Club.

Mrs. Addie R. Clarke of 1504 Pierce place, announces the engagement of her niece, Miss Eva Blanche Gibson, to Mr. James L. Thomas of the public schools of Baltimore.

Mr. Isaac Hathaway has about completed the bust of Joe Gans, the famous pugilist, which is to be unveiled in Baltimore next month.

The death mask was taken by Mr. Hathaway immediately upon the demise of Mr. Gans, and it is said to be a speaking likeness.

Dr. J. S. Jackson, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Zion connection, and a leading candidate for the Bishopric, was in the city last week, and saw the sights of the Capital in company with Mr. John C. Dancy. Dr. Jackson is one of the very ablest financiers, as well as pulpit orators and spiritual leaders, in the Church of Varick, Jones and Hood.

The Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern Jurisdiction held an important session here this week. W. H. Hawley, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo., was elected to succeed the late Bishop E. W. Lampton as grand prior, and L. C. Bailey of this city was chosen grand almoner. With these exceptions, the officers of the last triennium held over. Oakland, Cal., was selected as the next place of meeting, which will be in 1911. An enjoyable banquet at Martin's wound up the proceedings of the week.

The leaders of the medical fraternity are talking up a banquet for Dr. A. M. Curtis to commemorate his triumphant election as president of the National Medical Association.

Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds, has been visiting friends in Atlanta, Ga.

A reunion of the "Mutts vs. Muffs" will be held this evening at 8.30 o'clock at the Laborers and Mechanics' Realty Co.'s Building, 2006 11th street N. W. This team will be remembered for the marvelous game of baseball which it perpetrated on an unsuspecting public last spring for the benefit of the building fund of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. T. J. Calloway, captain of Team No. 3, which is responsible for the "Mutts and Muffs," announces that sweet cider will be on tap 8.30 to 9 P. M., and that a bag of chestnuts is offered for the best "chestnut."

Miss Minnie Brown, the charming vocalist and sketch artist, has returned from New York with a new and extensive wardrobe, which she will use in her work at the New Hiawatha.

Mrs. Lulu Joy Brooks has rejoined the choir at St. Mary's P. E. Church.

Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, opened the forty-third annual session of the Medical School of Howard University.

A "business mass-meeting" is to be held on next Friday evening, the 28th, at 19th Street Baptist Church, under the auspices of the N. N. A. The program will be a symposium embracing a study of "The Loss of Employment: The Cause; The Remedy." Rev. Walter H. Brooks will speak on "The Bread of Toil"; Dr. E. D. Williston on "Our River of Gold"; R. R. Horner on "Why Educate Our Children?" and Mr. F. D. Lee on "Church,

School, Store." Everybody is invited.

Mr. J. T. Mills of the Government Printing Office has returned from Albemarle county, Va., where he spent a pleasant vacation visiting relatives and friends.

Attorney J. T. Sanders and Mr. W. W. Smith, a leading contractor and builder of Charlotte, N. C., were in the city Monday attending the funeral of the late Bishop J. W. Smith.

Miss Bessie Oliver Brown, the fascinating singing comedienne, who is concluding a three-weeks' engagement at Ford Dabney's, has signed a two-years' contract to appear in the Cole & Johnson musical skit entitled "Sambo's Dream," and will report in New York Monday for rehearsal. Miss Brown is regarded as one of the most versatile performers now on the stage, and her tasteful costumes have been highly praised by all who have seen her act at Dabney's Theater here.

Miss Mary Curtis, the expert stenographer, has been engaged to compile the proceedings, addresses and resolutions in connection with the funeral of the late Bishop J. W. Smith, and prepare them for publication as a memorial to the revered prelate.

The National Training School, of which Miss Nannie H. Burroughs is president, is receiving an immense number of visitors these days, both white and colored. The school is located at Lincoln Heights, D. C., northeast of the city, easily accessible by the H Street District line car. Go out and see the great work Miss Burroughs is doing.

The office of Assistant Probation Officer will be filled very soon by Judge Pugh of the Police Court. It is expected that a colored man of experience, ability and influence will be given this place. Prof. William Jenifer is being endorsed by the best people of the District as the fittest man for this highly-important work.

Lewis E. Johnson, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., says that of the \$10,000 recently subscribed by colored people of this city only \$3080 remains to be collected. Steps will be taken to collect this balance at once. Work upon the new \$100,000 structure has been resumed, and it will be pushed rapidly to completion. It is expected that President Taft will speak at the coming dedication.

Upon the recommendation of the Public School Committee of the Board of Trade it is probable that the courses at the McKinley Manual Training School and the Armstrong Manual Training School will be extended, so that pupils desiring to enter a trade may take a course that would be equivalent to an apprenticeship. This is another step in the direction of the vocational training that gives the boys and girls a chance to secure by the shortest cut an education that will enable them to become self-supporting immediately upon leaving school.

The Wilberforce Musical Association gave a very unique reception dance last Friday evening, October 14, at True Reformers' Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the members of the orchestra were attired in full dress, which added very pleasingly to the occasion. It was announced by Mr. Karl F. Phillips, manager of the association, that it is the plan of the association to give a grand reception dance one Friday night out of each month, and on the other Friday nights of the month to conduct a dancing class in Room 5 of True Reformers' Hall during the fall and winter. The music was very good, and Mr. Hunnicutt needs to be congratulated upon the splendid success he is having with his orchestra.

All Democrats Endorsed
The National Political Union, a colored Democratic club, organized in 1876, met Friday night at 522 Eighth street N. W. and endorsed all Democratic candidates in the United States. Rev. L. C. Moore of Mississippi was elected president.

VANITY FAIR

Conducted by JOHN H. WILLS.

The Main Difference Between Civilized Man and the Savage Is—Savages Don't Read.

"How to Vote"

A certain historian, writing on American politics, said that it was not until after the Civil War that the idea of nationality developed in the minds of the American citizens. Even now that idea is dim in many minds, as the following extract will show:

It is better, other things being equal, to have both branches of the National Legislature and the President belong to the same party, so that action may be free and responsibility fixed, and it is also well to encourage the progressive movement in States where it is alive. But it is always to be remembered that the chasm between Bourbonism and progressiveness is greater than any difference that can be described between the general principles of the two traditional parties. In Ohio, Maine, Vermont or Connecticut, for example, we should vote the Democratic ticket; in Wyoming the fusion Democratic-Insurgent ticket; in Pennsylvania the Keystone party ticket; in States like Washington, Wisconsin, California, New Hampshire, Kansas, Iowa, New York and other States where the progressive wing is in control we should vote Republican; always excepting cases where particular issues or special candidates furnish reasons for a different course. It is only fair to add that in certain States, like California and New Hampshire, the Democrats have, in both candidates and platform, taken ground very similar to the insurgents.—*Collier's Weekly*, October 15.

All this is true in a local sense, but apply it to the nation as a unity, and it is not so true, and the question arises: "Is it better to keep the Legislative branch of the Government under control of the Republican party, which is striving for good government and trying to overcome error and evil, or to place in control a party noted for stupidity and unfitness?"

The Insurgents and Progressives are but evidences of the active workings toward ideals for common good, while the machine-ridden Democratic party has developed no sign of progress or desire to free itself from the chains in which the Solid South holds it bound.

For Revenue Only

As evidence of the truth of the above, the same issue of *Collier's* quoted above shows clearly that Southern Senators and members of Congress were insincere in their tariff declarations, and were willing and easy tools of the interests. In *Democrat or Republican?* Mr. Sullivan shows how Southern Democrats were staunch supporters of high tariff.

The "Democratic misrepresentations" are in Congress by fraud, and it is only natural and easy for them to be party to fraud and corruption.

The Negro and Health in Washington

It is very necessary that our people be taught the importance of cleanliness, good food and proper clothing, and it is easier to teach them these lessons than other submerged peoples, because they form the ignorant and poor class by a controversy of the social principle which operates to form classes in society, and their status as to class place is not firmly fixed, as it is among other peoples.

I hate to say it, but Washington is a backward city. The civic spirit has no being here, and municipal progressiveness is unknown. Cities of half size have public baths and many other public conveniences unknown here. The laws and ordinances regarding sanitation are neglected, or administered in a careless way, particularly those relating to inspection of food and plumbing.

The municipal government is responsible for these things; also for disease-breeding weeds, stagnant pools of water, dirty alleys, uninhabitable shacks and mud streets. The general government should reclaim the flats and protect the water supply from pollution. Much can be done to improve health conditions and lower the death rate.

Up in the Air

We have had a practical demonstration of air navigation in the past week, and now we know that man can fly. The actual usefulness of this achievement has yet to be shown. We are not sure yet that society will be improved or mankind made more happy by flying, and I am inclined to believe that the discovery of flying will cause a further decay of the noble art of walking. There are too many mechanical devices for doing things, and each one decreases to a certain extent the physical and mental powers of the individual, and finally the race. The Zulu warrior who can run 20 miles at the same speed as a fast horse possesses a certain advantage over the man who can make a machine and fly in it.

THE HIGH SCHOOL CADETS

Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year—Six Companies in the Battalion—Norman Ewing Chosen Major

The Military Committee of the Board of Education, which consists of Capt. James F. Oyster, chairman; President W. V. Cox and Mr. R. R. Horner, has just announced the staff and field officers of the Separate Battalion of High School Cadets. The battalion of colored cadets will this year consist of six companies, two of which will be at the M Street High School and four at the Armstrong Manual Training School. Because of the rigid enforcement of the rule relating to the enlistment of cadets, the enrollment of cadets this year is in excess of that of previous years. The officers are as follows:

Major—Norman Ewing, Armstrong Manual Training School.

Adjutant—Preston Early, M Street High School.

Captains—Hugh B. Shipley, M Street High School; Charles M. Wilder, M Street High School; John R. Fearing, Armstrong Manual Training School; William E. Davis, Armstrong Manual Training School; Thomas E. Jenkins, Armstrong Manual Training School; Clinton Wood, Armstrong Manual Training School.

First Lieutenants—Francis Magruder, M Street High School; Charles Houston, M Street High School; Edward Dixon, Armstrong Manual Training School; Charles W. Scott, Armstrong Manual Training School; Riddick H. Pree, Armstrong Manual Training School; Graham A. Burwell, Armstrong Manual Training School.

Second Lieutenants—George Adams, M Street High School; George Hayes, M Street High School; Francis Dent, M Street High School; Franklin Carter, Armstrong Manual Training School; Harry Whitfield, Armstrong Manual Training School; Harold B. Murray, Armstrong Manual Training School; William H. Watts, Armstrong Manual Training School; Ernest Mabray, Armstrong Manual Training School.

DR. WASHINGTON TO TOUR NORTH CAROLINA

"Educational Pilgrimage" to Be Conducted by Bishop Clinton—Carrying a Message of Peace and Good Will Toward Men—The Itinerary

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 20.—All is in readiness for the forthcoming "educational pilgrimage" to be made by Dr. Booker T. Washington through the State of North Carolina. The "Wizard" will be accompanied by a score or more of representative men of the country, and the party will travel in a special car provided by the Negro Business League of the State, under the auspices of which the tour is being conducted. The arrangements are in the hands of Bishop George W. Clinton of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and he is being assisted by Messrs. John Merrick, C. C. Spaulding, Dr. J. E. Shepard, Dr. George C. Clement and others. Well-known citizens will join the party along the various points to be touched on the route. The start will be made at Charlotte, Friday, October 28, and the itinerary will include Concord, Salisbury, Greensboro, Winston, Durham, Raleigh, Goldsboro,

Newbern, Rocky Mount, Wilson and Wilmington, with others to be determined later. Dr. Washington has made similar tours of Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia and Delaware, and each has been instrumental in bringing about a better understanding and bred a keener sense of mutual interdependence between the races.

The North Carolina tour bids fair to be as fruitful of good as any that have preceded it.

Hon. John C. Dancy, former Recorder of Deeds, and R. W. Thompson, the national correspondent, are among the Washingtonians who have accepted an invitation to accompany the party.

Notice—Millinery

Christie Mason Syphax and Anna Throckmorton Downey of the firm of Syphax & Downey will open a first-class millinery establishment at 1458 P street N. W. The general public is cordially invited to inspect the artistic and stylish display of fall and winter hats at their opening October 21 and 22 (Friday and Saturday). Open until 10 in the evening. The latest and most up-to-date styles. Prices right. Bring us your last year's hats. We will make them over.

VOLLON'S PUMPKIN.

A Painting That Drove Parisian Artists Into Hysteria.

It is a part of the duty of the official picture hanger of the Societe des Artistes Francais to distribute the canvases which are offered for the Paris Salon throughout the rooms of the Palais des Beaux Arts. The jurors are then summoned to examine these and commend or condemn as they see fit. The artists are at liberty to appeal to the jurors, and an influential artist can make trouble for the picture hanger. In this connection a story is told of Vollon, the painter of still life.

Some years ago Vollon had painted what he deemed his masterpiece, a luxurious pumpkin, orange in color and heroic in size, such as one sees at an agricultural show. The jurors did not approve the official picture hanger's choice of a place for it. A second choice also was found for it and condemned.

By this time the pumpkin had become the principal topic of conversation in all the studios of Paris, and the leading artists began to look in at the Salon to make sure that their exhibits were not being injured by an unfortunate contrast. One-Bouguereau—nearly fainted with horror on seeing the pumpkin not far from his pictures. "Take that thing away!" he shouted; "it kills my white and pink nymphs!"

So the pumpkin was removed. But here Cormon objected. He declared that it should not stay in the same room with his pictures. "Its juxtaposition to my lions and bears and tigers," said he, "makes them look like tame cats."

Tattegrain was the next artist to protest. "Don't place it near my work!" he exclaimed angrily. "What becomes of the martial spirit of my canvases, and what is the use of exhibiting starving garrisons with a big pumpkin alongside?"

So the pumpkin was shifted about till it had passed through fifteen rooms, and not a member of the society would tolerate its presence. Finally the picture hanger placed the pumpkin in the entrance hall, officially called "Salle d'Honneur," but popularly dubbed the "Chamber of Horrors." Naturally Vollon became the mortal enemy of the unhappy picture hanger.—*Harper's Weekly*.

OYSTERS ARE LAZY.

They Spend Practically the Whole of Their Lives in Beds.

Just like confirmed invalids, oysters spend their lives in beds. The principal parts of an oyster are salt water and a handsome stomach.

Every oyster has a mother-of-pearl lined overcoat with the moss on the outside. But a Waldorf-Astoria oyster gathers no moss.

Oysters, as a rule, keep their mouths shut, but when they have been in society too long they begin to gape. They are fond of playing games, one of their favorites being ring-around-a-rosy. In this game they join shells in a circle on a plate. They live in the ocean in summer and during the winter months frequent the principal hotels and restaurants, where they have reserved seats on cakes of ice specially prepared for them. They are rarely met with at huskings or church fairs.

An oyster is a conchologist by nature, a bivalve by profession and an appetizer because he cannot help himself. There are girl oysters as well as men oysters; but so far as is known, one is not superior to the other.

Oysters vary in size according to their circumstances and their bringing up. Some are harder to swallow than others. There is no particular rule about this. But if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

In June the oysters ought to be as rare as the days.—Thomas L. Masson in Judge's Library.

Woman's World

A Noted Beauty Called "the Princess of the Golden Locks."

Men of many nations have pronounced the Princess Henry of Pless the most beautiful woman they have ever seen. She inherited her charms from her mother, Mrs. Cornwallis-West, who was regarded a famous English beauty when in her prime, less than a generation ago. The Princess Henry is a pronounced blond of medium height, slender and graceful, with gray eyes and a perfect complexion. In 1891, at the age of seventeen, she married Prince Hans Heinrich of Pless. The wedding caused a great deal of talk.



PRINCESS HENRY OF PLESS AND HER SONS.

because she was simply Miss West, a commoner. Busybodies immediately started to look up Miss West's family tree, and it was found that she was a direct descendant of King Henry III. of England. She is nicknamed "the princess with the golden locks," is very fond of yachting, hunting and sport in general, and the German noblemen hold up their hands in horror when she rides to hounds and shoots pheasants in the royal park at Furstenstein. Prince Henry is of the Silesian nobility and at his father's death inherited a fortune of \$20,000,000. The latest craze of smart English society is tattooing, and Princess Henry of Pless is said to be skillful with the needle.

Where Matrimony Scores.

Dr. Jacques Bertillon, the eminent French physician and an acknowledged authority, announces the conclusion that matrimony is the greatest aid to longevity. He says if men and women would reach a good old age they must marry. This, he says, is established by statistics gleaned from all over the world. A married man or woman has, he says, thrice the chance of a good long run as a bachelor or a spinster. In further illustration of his contention that the wedded life is best for men he shows that the mortality among widowers is greater than the average among married men. So he recommends them to look out for a new partner—that is, at any rate, if they are under sixty. This is his advice to young men:

"Marry. You will do well, even from a selfish standpoint. But watch carefully over your wife's health, as even from this egotistical point of view her loss will be a terrible misfortune, for your life depends in a great measure on her own."

Dr. Bertillon finds that the mortality among widows is much greater than among married women of the same age. The death rate of widows from twenty to twenty-five years of age, he says, is twice that of married women of the same age.

But the doctor very gallantly finds that women have less need for men than men have for women. Men are less careful of their habits and are unable to live so near the ideal life when deprived, either by design or circumstance, of the watchful care of a wife. When we live under the rule of matrimony we gain. When people leave this influence they suffer, he concludes.

New Grab Bag.

A new grab bag plan that is being tried this year with great acclaim on the part of youthful patrons of bazaars is called the "old lady with 100 pockets."

The old lady is a huge figure (which may be constructed over a large barrel by way of saving time), dressed in a hoopskirt or a wide country gown and bonnet and carrying a big cotton umbrella.

In her dress are hidden away 100 pockets, in each of which a little five or ten cent gift is tucked away. On the outside of each pocket is planned a number, or this may be chalked there. The child paying his dime or nickel specifies what pocket he wishes the contents of, and this is immediately given him. Some one must be at hand, of course, to receive the money paid to the old lady and to deliver up the contents of her numerous pockets.

The Asparagus Cure.

The latest is the asparagus cure taken in Switzerland. The natives find it profitable, as is the case with most cures. But then anything for an excuse to go to Switzerland.

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